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FOLLOWING EDITORIAL COMMENTING ON CHARGES BY LAOTIAN SECSTATE
NOUPHAN SIDPHASAY THAT THE U.S. WAS REACTIVATING BASES IN
THAILAND (SEE REFTTEL) APPEARED IN BANGKOK POST MARCH 9

"NO FACTS TO BACK LAO CLAIMS-THERE IS A PHRASE IN
ENGLISH USAGE TO THE EFFECT THE PEOPLE SHOULD 'PUT UP OR
SHUT UP'. IT IS APPLIED IN SITUATIONS WHERE SOMEONE MAKES
ALLEGATIONS OR DROPS BROAD HINTS BUT IS UNPREPARED TO BACK
UP WHAT HAS BEEN SAID WITH THE FULL FACTS. THE LAOTIAN SECRE-
TARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A WELCOME VISITOR TO THAI-
LAND, CLAIMED ON TUESDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD RE-ESTAB-
LISHED MILITARY BASES IN THAILAND AND THAT THIS WAS UNHELPFUL
TO THAI-LAO RELATIONS.

"ASKED WHERE THE BASES WERE, THE SECRETARY IS REPORTED AS
SAYING HE DID NOT KNOW 'BUT OTHERS DID'. PRESSED AGAIN
BY NEWSMEN TO JUSTIFY HIS CLAIM THE SECRETARY SAID THAT
THE NEWSMEN SHOULD KNOW FOR THEMSELVES. MEANWHILE THE
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UNITED STATES EMBASSY HAS EMPHATICALLY DENIED THE REACTI-
VATION OF SUCH BASES.

"IT SIMPLY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH THAT OUR VISITOR FROM LAOS,
WHO IS DESIROUS, SO HE SAYS, OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRY AND HIS, SHOULD BE UNWILLING TO GIVE SUBSTANCE
TO A CHARGE OF THIS NATURE.

"IF THERE ARE REACTIVATED BASES, THEN LET THE LAOTIAN SECRETARY OF STATE SAY EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE. HE CAN BE QUITE CERTAIN THAT IF HE PROVIDES THE INFORMATION MANY, MANY CONCERNED PEOPLE AND COUNTRIES WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO VERIFY WHAT HE SAYS. IF HE DECLINES TO GIVE THAT INFORMATION, THEN IT WILL HAVE TO BE ASSUMED THAT SUCH BASES DO NOT EXIST.

"DURING HIS VISIT THERE, THAILAND CERTAINLY WILL BE MAKING ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH, AND WHERE POSSIBLY RECTIFY, SUCH MATTERS AS MIGHT PREVENT LAOS AND THAILAND FROM ENJOYING A NEIGHBORLY RELATIONSHIP. THE PRESENT THAI GOVERNMENT IS DEDICATED TO THE IDEA OF GETTING ON WELL WITH THOSE WITH WHOM IT SHARES A COMMON BOUNDARY, A FACT WHICH THE SECRETARY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED TO SOME EXTENT. AS A RESULT OF THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS, AND OTHERS WHICH HAVE EITHER TAKEN PLACE OR ARE SCHEDULED, IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT A LOT OF THINGS WILL BE BETTER.

"IF SECRETARY OF STATE NOUPHAN SIDPHASAY TRULY SHARES THE SAME ASPIRATIONS, HE MUST DO MORE THAN DROP UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS TO NEWSMEN. HE MUST DEAL IN THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. AND IF HE BELIVES HE IS DEALING IN THE TRUTH, THEN HE MUST GIVE OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CONVINCINGLY ON THE BASIS OF HIS EVIDENCE WHETHER THIS IS SO."

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